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SUPPLEMENT

1. Wirstenberg (U52): Marshal Bagdanov was reported still at this location as of 15 April 1947.
2. Brandenburg (Z23): On 15 April, Colonel Budenko was the commanding officer of a Soviet Air Force installation at the former Aradowerke. The assembly halls are said to contain 900 to 1,000 Soviet pursuit planes, few of which are ever flown.
3. Kyritz (Z19): On 15 April, Major General Stalin was still in Kyritz and, according to two informants, rather unpopular both with some of his men and with the local German population.
4. Frankfurt/O: Information dated 24 April:

a) German railroad personnel who have been routing transports of Soviet EM state that men of the 1922, 1923, and 1924 year classes are being withdrawn and are being replaced by EM of year classes 1925 through 1927. Most of the latter arrive in Germany via Frankfurt/Oder and the majority are shipped on to Weimar, Jena, and Gera.

b) A considerable number of Soviet officers have been passing through Frankfurt/O recently, bound for Neustrelitz, Schwerin, and Magdeburg. On 21 April, a closed trainload of approximately 100 infantry lieutenants and NCO's proceeded through the town en route to Schwerin.

c) On or about 24 April, there were twelve river gun boats in the Frankfurt/O winter harbor and twenty-six other craft in the Brieskow Canal, north of Finkenheerd (V62). The latter vessels included gun boats with 75 mm guns and motor boats with small rapid-firing 20 mm guns.

d) Colonel Samelov, an armored force officer, has been identified in the Frankfurt/O area.

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4) Present rations for Soviet EM consist of 150 grams meat, 30 grams fat, 700 grams bread, 30 grams Machorka tobacco, in addition to lunch served in messes. Company grade officers draw 160 grams meat, 40 grams fat, 700 grams bread, 25 cigarettes, some sugar and starches, and mess coupons.

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Comment: Except for a 100 gram increase in the bread issue, the above rations do not differ essentially from those reported by another source as of 22-23 February 1947.

5. Rathenow (Z15): On 16 May, Rathenow was still occupied by heavy artillery units. No armor was observed in the area. Source reports the presence of forty to fifty guns of approximately 100 mm. The guns, hauled by American-type trucks, have a crew of six to eight men. The muzzle is equipped with a lunette, tires are pneumatic, carriage is box-tail, and there is a "large trail spade" approximately one meter in diameter.

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